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There was one seat open on the **NACBS Council** this year, as Emily Tabuteau (Michigan State University) completed her term. Daniel Szechi (Auburn University) was elected to serve a four-year term on the Council.

There were three seats open on the **NACBS Nominating Committee** this year, as Jennifer Andersen (California State University, San Bernardino), Ginger Frost (Samford University), and Shannon McSheffrey (Concordia University) completed their terms. Elected to serve two-year terms were David Armitage (Harvard University), Maryanne Kowaleski (Fordham University), and Bruce P. Smith (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign).

This was the first NACBS election conducted through electronic services provided by the University of Chicago Press. This was clearly a successful experiment. The voting process safeguarded anonymity and was simple and straightforward, very few voters had difficulty casting their ballots, and the reduction of paper ballots saved a good deal in terms of time, printing, and postage. Turnout was 25.6%, a significantly higher average than we have been accustomed to in recent years.

The various prize committees have selected this year's winners, and I have notified all winners. I shall reveal their identities at the Council meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Phil Harling (University of Kentucky), 10 October 2004